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OHIO MAN ACCUSED OF PLOTTING GOVERNMENT ATTACK CAN STAND TRIAL

A federal judge on Tuesday finalized a ruling that an Ohio man accused of plotting to attack the U.S. Capitol with guns and bombs was competent to stand trial. U.S. District Judge Sandra Beckwith in Cincinnati preliminarily ruled on Monday that Christopher Cornell, 22, was competent and she finalized that decision in a filing. Cornell, of Green Township, Ohio, near Cincinnati, was arrested in January 2015 and accused of plotting an attack using pipe bombs and bullets. He pleaded not guilty to charges of attempting to provide material support to the Islamic State militant group, attempted murder of government officials, possession of a firearm to commit a crime and solicitation to commit a violent crime. REUTERS



MISSOURI MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO THREATENING BLACKS AT UNIVERSITY

A Missouri man has pleaded guilty to making threats on social media against black people after the University of Missouri president resigned during protests over his handling of reported racial abuse, officials said on Tuesday. Hunter Park, 20, pleaded guilty in the Boone County courthouse in Columbia, Missouri, on Monday to making a terrorist threat in November and will be sentenced on June 16, Boone County assistant prosecuting attorney Brouck Jacobs said. Jacobs said he has recommended three years of prison for Park, who is from the St. Louis suburb of Lake St. Louis, Missouri. Park remains free on bond pending the sentencing. REUTERS

CLINTON AIDES TRAVELING TO PUERTO RICO FOR ZIKA MEETINGS

Hillary Clinton is dispatching two top aides to Puerto Rico this weekend for a fact-finding trip to learn more about the Zika virus, her campaign said. Clinton aides Amanda Renteria and Ann O'Leary will meet with officials on the island territory, which has become a breeding ground for the virus in the United States. In Puerto Rico, there are some 400 confirmed cases of Zika, which is spread by mosquitoes and through sexual contact, and public health experts predict that eventually as many as 80 percent of the island's 3.5 million residents could become infected. Clinton said in a statement provided by her campaign to Reuters that more must be done to combat the spread of Zika in Puerto Rico, which has an abundant mosquito population and also a decades-long recession that has made curbing that population difficult. REUTERS



Hillary and Bill Clinton, left, as well as Donald Trump, right, vote in New York. GETTY IMAGES



Trump, Clinton take NY in primary race marred by problems

The front-runners of their respective parties each took a clear majority of the primary votes.

After a bruising debate and several rallies and neighborhood meetings from New York City to upstate New York, Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton Tuesday won a big victory in the Empire State, blunting the momentum of rival Bernie Sanders and taking a big step toward wrapping up the nomination.

Republican front-runner Donald Trump also won New York's presidential nominating contest on Tuesday, according to news network projections, moving closer to capturing enough delegates to win the party's White House nomination and avoid a contested convention in July.

The New York billionaire needed a big victory in his home state to recapture the momentum in the Republican race and push him closer to the 1,237 delegates

needed to win the nomination.

He was hoping to win more than 50 percent of the vote in New York against rivals Ted Cruz, a U.S. senator from Texas, and Ohio Gov. John Kasich. Trump could win all of the state's 95 delegates if his vote total is above 50 percent statewide and in each of the state's congressional districts.

Trump's victory also sets him up for a strong performance next Tuesday, when five other Northeastern states hold nominating contests that he expects to do well in.

Clinton's win comes in the wake of rival Bernie Sanders almost nonstop campaigning in the New York City area, where his rallies had attracted thousands of supporters and heavy weight support from such famous New

Yorkers as Spike Lee and Rosario Dawson.

The voting in New York was marred by irregularities, including more than 125,000 people missing from New York City voter rolls. The city has roughly 4 million voters considered active for the primaries.

New York City Comptroller Scott Stringer ordered an audit of the city elections board after it confirmed the names had been removed from voter rolls.

He complained in a letter to the board that it was "consistently disorganized, chaotic and inefficient." Stringer cited faulty ballot scanners, late-opening polling stations and scant staffing.

Trump entered the New York contest with 756 delegates, while Cruz had 559 and Kasich had 144, according to an Associated Press count. The

count includes endorsements from several delegates who are free to support the candidate of their choice.

If Trump does not secure enough delegates needed to win the Republican nomination outright at the party's July 18-21 convention in Cleveland, delegates would be allowed to switch to other candidates.

Trump remains unpopular with the Republican leaders and activists who select and serve as delegates, whereas Cruz has invested time and money courting them.

Some establishment Republicans have been alienated by Trump's more incendiary proposals, such as building a wall along the border with Mexico and slapping a temporary ban on Muslims entering the country. REUTERS

"It is absurd that in Brooklyn, New York, where I was born actually, tens of thousands of people as I understand it have been purged from the voting rolls."

Sanders, on the disorganization reported in the New York primaries

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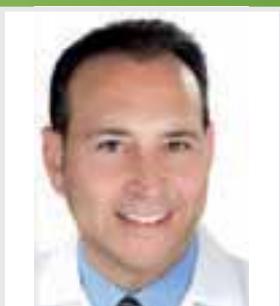
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A friendship buds for pot industry, New York

To promote a relationship between the marijuana industry and citizens, Cannafree NYC will host vendors and offer attendees information.

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Looking to take New Yorkers out of the haze of misinformation, one convention hopes to celebrate 420 with a night filled with networking and education — all while having a good time.

Cannafree NYC is a pro-cannabis event scheduled for Wednesday night that aims to bring together members of the cannabis industry, while also offering New Yorkers the chance to learn more about the legalization and industrialization efforts going on in the state.

Cannabis business

owners, advocates, enthusiasts, people working in the cannabis industry and also those who want to work in it are expected to attend, according to the event's organizer, who asked to go by her industry name "Sensi."

"The purpose is to unite these people," she said. "With New York being such a fresh market in the cannabis industry, there is not much information."

The event is slated to start at 9 p.m. and will go through 3 a.m. the next morning. Although organizers did not disclose the location for the conference, the event's webpage said it will take place at Space Ibiza NY on the Upper West Side.

Cannafree NYC — which will be hosted by Donnell Rawlings of "Chappelle's Show" — will feature vendors, cannabis businesses from around the country, a glass art installation, games and contests.

Attendees, who must be 21 and older, are asked to dress in green. And although the event is being held on April 20,

otherwise known as 420 Day, a worldwide celebration of the pot culture, organizers said they do not advise and "will not tolerate any illegal activity on the premises."

There will also be performance by Waka Flocka Flame, DJ Who Kid, Wugoo and other members of Wu-Tang and more. Special guests also include Ol' Dirty Bastard Jr.

And of course, what is a cannabis conference without some food to munch on.

There will also be tables throughout the venue where attendees can learn about medical cannabis in New York and also the legality of possessing marijuana.

"Education is key to fueling the entire movement," she said.

Sensi also added that 10 percent of all the proceeds from the event will go toward helping groups, such as the New York Cannabis Alliance, which continue to build on the efforts for the legalization and progress of marijuana in the state.

"The reason we want

to help benefit these organizations and companies is because without them there would not be such a massive movement," she said.

She said that what makes Wednesday night's event such an "epic and historic one" for New York City is the fact that from April 19 through April 21 the UN General Assembly is meeting in the city to discuss international cannabis and drug reform.

Such an event has been held in other cities in previous years, but according to Sensi this is the first time it is making its way to New York City and she encourages people to come and learn.

"If cannabis is on board here in New York City, I'm pretty sure it's going to fall in line with the rest of the East Coast," she said. "Let's change the stigma. People have the stigma that pot is bad for you, but it's actually the opposite. Let's talk about what's really important."

No prison for Liang in Gurley shooting

A former New York City police officer avoided prison on Tuesday for the killing of an unarmed black man in an unlit stairwell, two months after a jury found him guilty of manslaughter.

Brooklyn state Supreme Court Justice Danny Chun sentenced Peter Liang to 800 hours of community service and five years of probation, after prosecutors recommended six months of home confinement.

Liang, a rookie who lost his badge after his conviction, had faced a maximum prison sentence of 15 years for the death of Akai Gurley, 28.

The officer was patrolling the darkened stairs inside a public housing

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Alexis

building in Brooklyn on Nov. 20, 2014, when he fired a single shot. The bullet ricocheted off a wall and struck Gurley in the chest as he walked one floor below.

Before imposing the sentence, Chun reduced Liang's manslaughter conviction to the lesser felony of criminally negligent homicide, finding

that prosecutors had failed to prove Liang "consciously disregarded" the risk of causing another person's death.

"There is no evidence, circumstantially or otherwise, that the defendant was aware of Akai Gurley's presence," he said.

The shooting fueled nationwide protests over law enforcement's use

of excessive force on minorities. But the Brooklyn case differed from many of the other high-profile incidents that helped intensify the Black Lives Matter movement. The officer, a Chinese-American, was not accused of deliberately killing Gurley.

Meanwhile, Chinese-American activists organized their own protests, claiming Liang was serving as a scapegoat for police misconduct.

Both prosecutors and defense lawyers on Tuesday urged Chun not to hold Liang responsible for the actions of other officers.

"This simply is not a case of police brutality," said Assistant District Attorney Joseph Alexis.

"From the beginning until now, this prosecution has always been about justice; it's not about revenge."

Members of Gurley's family have criticized Brooklyn District Attorney Kenneth Thompson for recommending no prison time.

Liang tearfully testified at trial that he did not realize the bullet had hit anyone until he went downstairs and saw Gurley's girlfriend desperately trying to revive him. The officer claimed a noise had startled him, causing his finger to slip onto the trigger and fire.

But prosecutors said he acted recklessly in drawing his weapon and discharging a round. REUTERS



Liang in court GETTY IMAGES

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Savagery of the Forest



Bronx urban farmer gets Earth Day award for her work, advocacy

Karen Washington now doesn't just concentrate on growing food at her farm in the Bronx and upstate New York, but also examines the food system as a whole.



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Over the weekend, one Bronx urban farmer — whose green thumb began over three decades ago — was honored for her hard work and dedication in helping bring fresh and locally grown food to all New Yorkers.

The Earth Day Initiative honored Karen Washington on April 17 with the 2016 Earth Day Initiative/Natural Resource Defense Council-NY Award during its Earth Day celebration kickoff event in Union Square.

Washington began her farming back in 1985 when she moved to the

Bronx and purchased a house with a big backyard. With no farming experience at all, she began to grow vegetables — such as tomatoes, collard greens and peppers — and fell in love with it.

"Once I tasted the vegetables, I was hooked," Washington said.

"What urban gardening and farming is, what it does, is more than just growing food. There's a culture behind it, there's a story behind it."

The growing did not stop there. For over three years Washington said she had looked out of her window and saw a garbage-filled empty lot in front of her house. Finally, in 1988, with the help of a neighbor, she was able to start a community garden called the Garden of Happiness.

From there, Washington became active through the New York Botanical Gardens and

worked with various Bronx neighborhoods to help turn empty lots into community gardens.

When New York City began to target community gardens, Washington fought for the protection and preservation of the grounds and began gathering with other ad-

doesn't just concentrate on growing food, but also looks at the food system as a whole and examines who is being treated fairly and who isn't.

"In a country that we have so much wealth, we have hunger and poverty," she said. "I continue to speak out against the injustices."

Washington leads workshops on how to grow food and also on food justice for gardeners all over the city — and of all financial backgrounds — and giving everyone the access to healthy food choices.

She said she encourages people to think and not be afraid to ask where their food comes from. She also believes food should be properly labeled, agriculture should be taught in schools and every city school should have a garden.

"You should know

vocates.

"We knew that we had to become active," she said. "That's when I got my voice."

Now — along with running the Rise & Root Farm in Chester, with her friends since 2015 and continuing to care for her garden in the Bronx — Washington said she

"It takes a lot to survive when you have nothing. They made something out of nothing." Washington

Prosecutors turn fire on Rikers' culture of violence

The guards, authorities said, wanted to send a message.

"Somebody's leaving in an ambulance tonight," Eliseo Perez, an assistant chief for security at New York's Rikers Island jail complex, told inmates after a rash of attacks on guards, according to prosecutors.

Then he allegedly instructed five subordinates to take prisoner Jahmal Lightfoot into a room and kick his teeth in, an attack that left him with facial fractures.

The ongoing trial of nine correction officers for the alleged 2012 assault and a subsequent cover-up is the latest in a string of prosecutions targeting dozens of Rikers employees over the past

four years.

More than 50 guards at the 10,000-inmate complex, one of the three largest in the United States by population, have faced criminal charges since 2012 for assault, falsifying reports and smuggling contraband, court documents and data from various city agencies show.

That is about double the rate of prosecution in the prior four years, as authorities crack down on what they say is a toxic atmosphere of violence and corruption.

"Rikers is a very troubled institution," said Mark Peters, the commissioner of the city's Department of Investigation, which leads most Rikers-related probes. "We are



now seeing the result of systemic neglect."

Rikers houses male, female and adolescent prisoners in 10 separate facilities, mostly inmates awaiting trial.

Mayor Bill de Blasio has made Rikers reform a priority since taking office in 2014.

Peters, whom de Blasio appointed two years ago, said he had devoted one investigative squad exclusively to Rikers and increased its staff from 20 to 30 members.

Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark, whose office prosecutes most Rikers-related cases,



Karen Washington KAREN WASHINGTON

what you are eating, you should know how important it is to get food locally," she said. "Ask questions."

The Bronx resident also helped co-found Black Urban Growers, a volunteer-based organization with a mission to build networks and community support for growers in both urban and rural areas.

The group will host a conference in Harlem from Nov. 4 through Nov. 6. Washington said the conference will allow young black men and women to "have the chance to see a black farmer, get a chance to see a black food advocate and activist."

She added that she encourages people who find an empty lot and want to

possibly start a garden or farm of their own, to not be afraid and use the power they have to get it done.

"I no longer look at my community in terms of deficits, I look at it in terms of assets," she said. As for the Earth Day award, Washington said she is humbled for the individual recognition but wants to take the award in honor of everyone who has led the garden and farming movement to where it is now.

"I'm humbled by it," she said. "I'm just doing what comes naturally."



recently proposed a new prosecution bureau based at the complex itself.

The list of law enforcement officials whose attention has turned to Rikers also includes Preet Bharara, the U.S. Attorney in Manhattan.

Next month, federal prosecutors will put two guards on trial for the fatal beating of an inmate. Brian Coll, a correction officer, is accused of stomping Ronald Spear to death and enlisting two other guards to help him conceal the truth. One guard has already pleaded guilty to the cover-up.

Bharara's office also threw the weight of the federal government behind a lawsuit brought on behalf of adolescent inmates by the New York

Civil Liberties Union. The case led to a settlement mandating reforms overseen by a court-appointed monitor.

A two-year investigation by Bharara's office found the correction department failed to discipline guards adequately for excessive force from 2011 to 2013, said Sara Shudofsky, the chief of the office's civil division, in an interview.

In 2014, de Blasio also appointed Joseph Ponte to head the correction department. Since then, it has pursued internal investigations more aggressively, with 200 cases ending in disciplinary charges last year, up from 93 in 2013, according to department statistics.

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MTA announces public meetings on upcoming shutdown of L line

According to the agency, any full closure of the line is unlikely to begin before Jan. 2019.

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The MTA is asking for members of the community slated to be affected by the looming closure of the L train line to come and voice their concerns.

The agency announced Monday it will be holding the first of two public meetings to discuss the upcoming reconstruction work on the Canarsie Tunnel — through which the L train runs under the East River connecting Brooklyn and Manhattan.

"The public meetings that the MTA will host in partnership with elected officials will mark the official start of a robust

community engagement effort in which we will detail the need for the project, solicit feedback from the public on the potential construction options and begin a collaborative process to develop an alternative service plan to mitigate impacts on L train riders," said Thomas Prendergast, MTA chairman and CEO.

The public meetings — which will highlight construction options and alternate service plans — will include in-depth discussions of potential construction approaches currently being considered, open houses where community members can bring up their concerns with MTA staff, a presentation by MTA staff, and a question and answer section.

Even after the meetings are complete, the MTA will also continue an "aggressive commu-

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A second meeting in Manhattan will be held later in the month.

nity engagement process" through which staff will meet with residents, business, community boards, merchant groups and civic associations along the L line in both Brooklyn and Manhattan.

Along with reconstructing the subway line, the MTA will also make improvements to stations and tunnel segments closest to the section of the line under the river. New stairs and elevators will be installed at the Bedford Avenue station in Brooklyn and at the First Ave-

nue station in Manhattan.

The agency will also install three new electric substations, which will offer more power to operate extra trains during rush hour.

"The heavy damage sustained by the Canarsie Tunnel during Superstorm Sandy requires that we undertake a full reconstruction in order to ensure the integrity of the tunnel and the safety of our riders for generations to come," Prendergast said.

The Canarsie Tunnel — which was one of nine underwater tunnels that flooded during Superstorm Sandy — underwent extensive damage to tracks, signals, switches, power cables, signal cables, lighting, bench walls and more.

According to the MTA, bench walls throughout must be rehabilitated in order to "protect the



L train FILE PHOTO

structural integrity of the tubes."

Any 24/7 closure of the line is unlikely to begin before January 2019, according to the MTA.

According to a recent report by the New York Daily News, the closure of the line is expected to last anywhere from 18 months to three years.

STABBING

Man found stabbed to death at Bronx apartment: Police
Police are investigating the fatal stabbing of a 58-year-old man found dead inside a Bronx apartment early Tuesday morning.

On April 19 at about 1:03 a.m., police responded to a 911 call of an assault in progress at 2724 University Ave., according to authorities.

Upon arriving, the officers found the victim — whose identity was withheld pending proper family notification — with multiple stab wounds on his body, police said. Emergency personnel took the man to St. Barnabas Hospital where he was pronounced dead. Police have released a photo of man — identified as 51-year-old Jose Torres — they say is wanted for questioning in connection to the stabbing.

Torres is described to be Hispanic, 5 feet 4 inches tall, 155 pounds and was last seen wearing a black shirt and dark pants.

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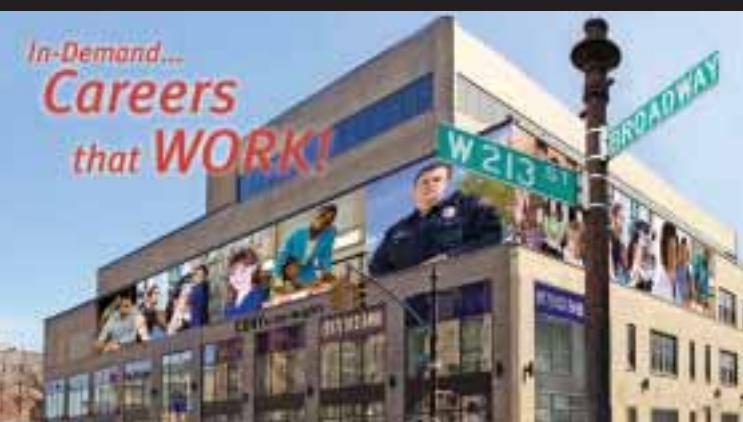


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Castro keeps top job as Cuba holds back on leadership changes

Cuba's Communist Party wants to avoid any chaotic collapse as it wrestles with an inevitable transition from the generation of leaders who fought in the 1959 revolution and the modernization of the Soviet-style command economy.



Cuban President Raul Castro GETTY IMAGES

Cuban President Raul Castro will serve a second term as head of the Communist Party and others in power for decades also kept their jobs on Tuesday, in a sign political change will be slow despite economic reform and detente with the United States.

Castro, 84, had proposed age limits and term limits for top leaders as the party gathered for the start of a four-day congress over the weekend, raising expectations septuagenarian and octogenarian veterans would begin to step aside.

But he also made clear that such changes would not be rushed.

At the end of the congress, the first in five years, the Communist Party said Castro had been re-elected as first secretary, with Jose Ramon Machado Ventura, 85, re-elected as second secretary.

Castro is seen as a pragmatist who built Cuba's army and brought efficient management to some of the military's powerful companies during long years in the shadow of his brother, former President Fidel Castro, 89, who ruled the country until 2008.

Raul Castro has ordered market reforms to the economy and oversaw the thaw with the United

States that led Barack Obama to become the first U.S. president to visit Cuba in 88 years.

But since that historic visit last month, the Castro brothers have hardened anti-U.S. rhetoric and raised political defenses out of a stated concern Washington plans to topple them.

Fidel is now frail but attended the congress on Tuesday as a delegate. Photos in state media showed him dressed in a blue tracksuit jacket, apparently joining-in a rendition of the left-wing anthem "The Internationale."

He was given a standing ovation and delivered a speech about the danger nuclear weapons would wipe out the human race, like "the dinosaurs." He also spoke about climate change and global population growth.

Machado Ventura fought alongside Fidel and Ernesto "Che" Guevara in their rebellion against a U.S.-backed government in the 1950s. He is seen as a ideological hard-liner who has sought to slow a move to market economics.

In a sign of the secrecy with which the congress has been conducted, the closing speeches and re-

sults of the country's most important political event were not broadcast live on state television, which instead showed a soap opera.

Castro also said the party should represent more women and Afro-Cubans. The top leadership is currently overwhelmingly white and male.

While top posts were unchanged, the party brought in five mostly younger faces to the powerful political bureau. The new members included three women. Two were of mixed Afro-Cuban descent. REUTERS

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CASTRO SAID THAT HIS PROPOSAL OF 60 AS THE MAXIMUM AGE FOR JOINING THE PARTY'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE WITH A LIMIT OF TWO FIVE-YEAR TERMS WOULD ALLOW THE YOUNG TO BE PROMOTED MORE QUICKLY IN THE PARTY

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Police: Brothers sought for murder in U.S. manhunt may be fleeing to Mexico

Two brothers suspected in the presumed murder of a married couple who lived next door to one of the men in Washington state may be trying to flee to Mexico, a county sheriff's office said.

Detectives believe the brothers, who police have called armed and dangerous, ditched a Volkswagen on Monday in Phoenix and were in possession

of an Acura, the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office said in a statement.

The Acura's license plates were electronically scanned at an unspecified location near the Mexico-U.S. border town of Calexico, California, the office said.

"The exact location of the Reed brothers is unknown, but there is reason to believe they may be trying to flee to Mexico," the office said in a statement.

A search for the men, convicted felons John Reed, 53, and Tony Reed, 49, was launched on April 17 after detectives found evidence linking them to the death of the couple, Snohomish County Sheriff Ty Trenary said.

Patrick Shunn, 45, and his wife, Monique Patenaude, 46, were reported missing April 12 by neighbors in Arlington, Washington, about 40 miles north of Seattle.

Two days later, a Land Rover

and Jeep belonging to the couple were found in a wooded area about 200 feet apart near the community of Oso down an embankment about 10 miles outside Arlington.

Though their bodies have not been found, the couple is presumed to be "the victims of homicidal violence" based on evidence collected at the scene of the missing couple's vehicles, as well as Reed's former residence, Trenary said. REUTERS

Apple refused China's request for source code in last two years

Apple has been asked by Chinese authorities within the last two years to hand over its source code but refused to do so, the company's top lawyer told U.S. lawmakers at a hearing on Tuesday.

Apple general counsel Bruce Sewell made the statement in response to a line of attack from law enforcement officials who have attempted to portray Apple as complicit in handing over information to Chinese authorities for business reasons while refusing to cooperate with U.S. requests for access to private data in criminal investigations.

Apple and the FBI returned to Washington to testify before lawmakers about their heated disagreement over law enforcement access to encrypted devices, highlighted in the case of a locked iPhone linked to a gunman in last December's Islamist militant-inspired shootings in San Bernardino, California.

Earlier in the hearing before a House Energy and Commerce subcommittee, Capt. Charles Cohen, commander in the Indiana State Police, repeated the suggestion that Apple has quietly cooperated with Beijing. But when pressed by Rep. Anna Eshoo, a California Democrat, for the source of that claim, Cohen only cited news reports.

"That takes my breath away," a visibly frustrated Eshoo said.

The growing use of strong default encryption on mobile devices and communications by criminal suspects is handicapping investigators' ability to pursue them, law enforcement officials told the hearing. Apple Inc. and other companies defend the technology as integral to protecting consumers.



Apple GETTY IMAGES

"That is a huge allegation."

Eshoo

Thomas Galati, chief of intelligence at the New York Police Department, said his investigators had been unable to open 67 Apple devices in a six-month period from October 2015 to March 2016. Those phones were implicated in 44 violent crimes, 23 of them felonies, including 10 homicides, two rapes, and an episode where an on-duty officer was shot, Galati said.

Sewell, who testified on a separate panel before the same committee Tuesday alongside technology experts, argued that any vulnerability built into its products would harm "one hundred percent" of its users.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation retreated last month from its high-profile pursuit of a court order that compelled Apple to help the agency unlock a county-owned iPhone 5c tied to shooter Rizwan Farook in San Bernardino. A still secret third party helped the government hack into it.

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More Olympic projects under investigation for corruption in Brazil

Carlos Lima is a lead prosecutor on a task force that discovered a cartel of engineering firms siphoning kick-backs from state oil firm Petrobras to political parties.

A sweeping investigation into corruption in Brazil is targeting more infrastructure projects for this year's Olympic Games than previously made public, a federal prosecutor told Reuters, citing testimony from construction companies and executives.

Carlos Lima said the probe into corruption on projects for the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro in August was not limited to Porto Maravilha, or the "Marvelous Port," a regeneration



Construction of the new 'Porto Maravilha' project. GETTY IMAGES

of the city's waterfront that includes five high-rises bearing the name of U.S. property mogul and presidential candidate Donald Trump.

"There are more," Lima said in an interview in his office in the southern city of Curitiba. "There are leniency agreements underway that talk about this, but until they are finalized we will not know how many [projects] for sure."

The corruption allegations are not expected to hinder work on infrastructure for the games, which is nearly finished, but they do further cloud an event

set to start in the middle of Brazil's worst political and economic crises in decades.

The lower house of Brazil's Congress, many of whose members are themselves under investigation for corruption, voted on Sunday to impeach President Dilma Rousseff on charges she manipulated budget accounts.

If the Senate agrees to put her on trial, as seems likely, Rousseff will be suspended for up to six months and would be unlikely to return to power.

Five engineering firms are building most of the \$11 billion worth of venues and infrastructure needed for the Olympics, the first to be held in South America. All five are under investigation for price fixing at Petroleo Brasileiro SA, as Petrobras is formally known. REUTERS

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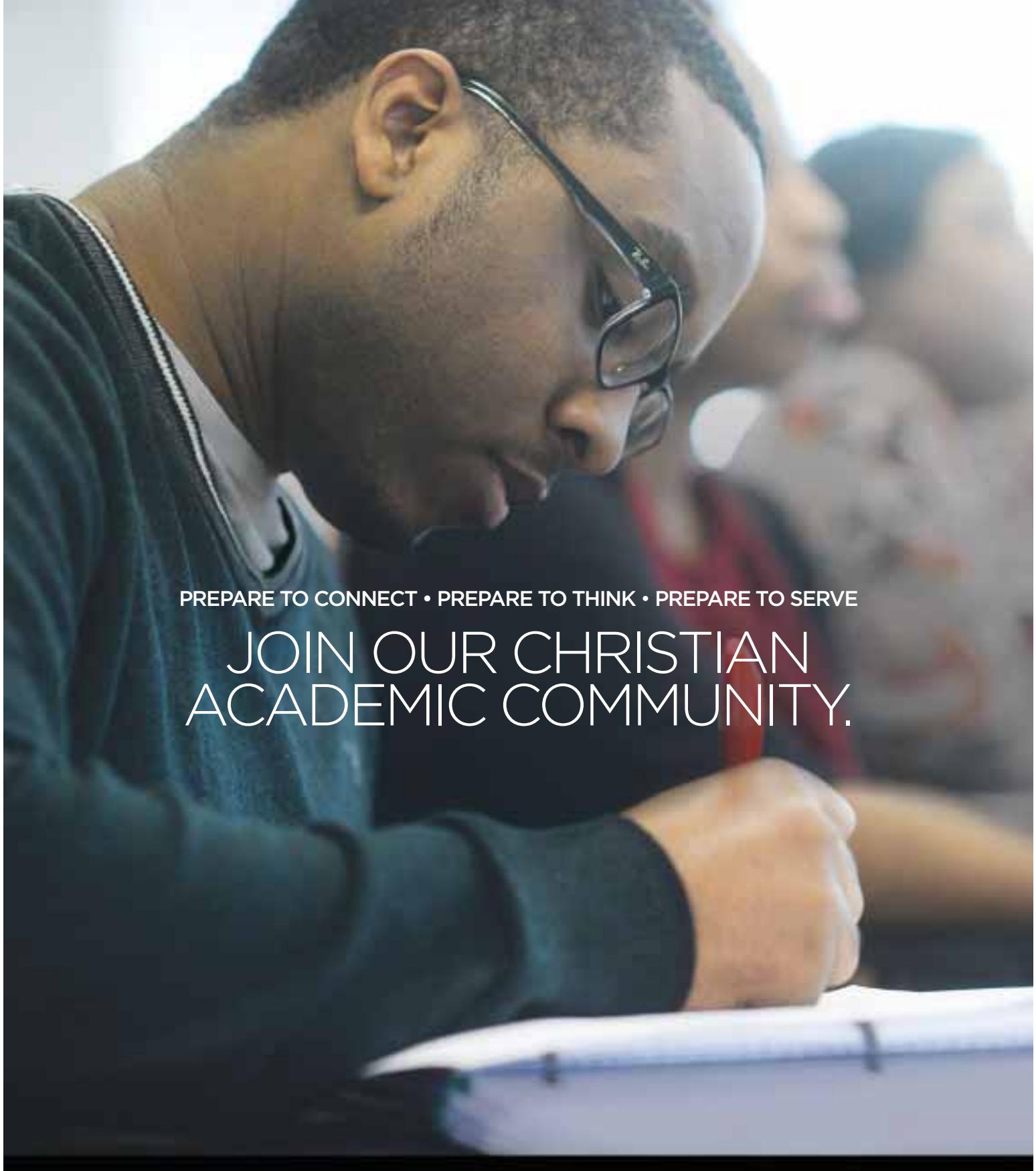
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Hopes fade of finding survivors from Ecuador quake as death toll nears 500

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Praying for miracles, distraught family members beseeched rescue teams to find missing loved ones as they used dogs, bare hands and excavators to hunt through debris of flattened homes, hotels and stores in the hardest-hit Pacific coastal region.

The death toll stood at 480 on Tuesday afternoon but was expected to rise.

The 7.8 magnitude



Rescuers in the rubble in Portoviejo, Manabi, Ecuador on Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

quake, which struck late Saturday, also left 107 people missing, and injured more than 4,000, according to the latest government tallies.

Supervising rescue work in the disaster zone, Ecuador's leftist President Rafael Correa said the quake inflicted between \$2 billion and \$3 billion of damage to the oil-dependent economy and could knock two to three percentage points off growth.

"Let's not kid ourselves, it will be a long struggle ... Reconstruction for years, billions (of dollars) in investment," said

Correa, who appeared deeply moved.

"In the short term we're going to need tens of millions of dollars," Correa added from the quake-hit town of Tarqui, donning a mask, gloves and helmet.

Growth in Ecuador's small economy had already been forecast at near zero this year due to plunging oil revenues.

The quake, Ecuador's worst in decades, destroyed or damaged about 1,500 buildings, triggered mudslides and left some 20,500 people sleeping in shelters, according to the government. REUTERS



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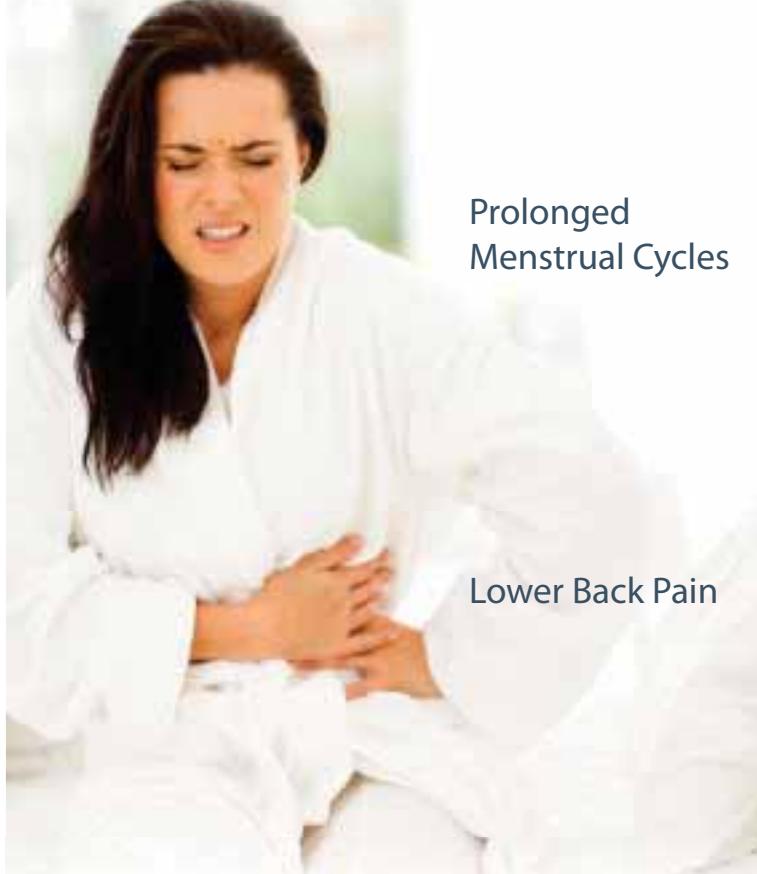
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NC business leaders demand repeal of transgender law

North Carolina business leaders on Tuesday called for a repeal of a new state law they blamed for mounting economic losses as opponents cancel jobs and events over concerns that it discriminates against gay and transgender people.

The state last month became the first to require transgender people to use restrooms and locker rooms in schools and other public facilities that match their sex at birth rather than their gender identity.

The Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce said the law, which also prohibits local governments from enacting anti-discrimination protections based on sexual orientation and

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"This legislation is bad for business and bad for North Carolina," the chamber said in a statement.

The group estimated tens of millions of dollars in losses since the law passed, including decisions by PayPal Holdings and Deutsche Bank to halt adding a combined 650 jobs in the state and canceled performances by Bruce Springsteen, Ringo Starr, Pearl Jam, Boston and Cirque du Soleil.

An unnamed technology company canceled expansion plans that could have brought up to 1,000 new jobs to the Raleigh area and several other companies had



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eliminated the region from consideration due to the law, the chamber said.

North Carolina Republicans have struck a defiant tone. The law's backers say it is meant to protect privacy rights and keep children and women safe from sexual predators and so far have shown no signs of being swayed by the growing pressure from the business and entertainment communities. REUTERS

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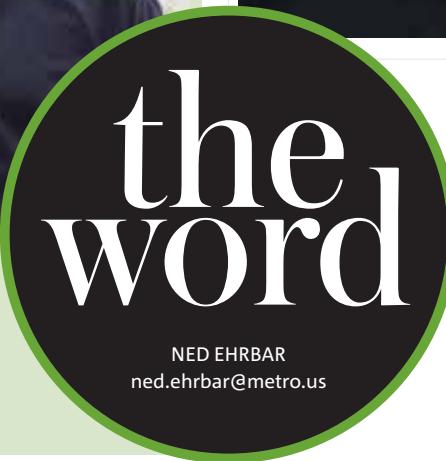
O.J. Simpson has a crush on Kris Jenner — and Caitlyn

O.J. Simpson could be up for parole next year, and he's apparently centering all of his postprison plans — and romantic pursuits — around one reality TV-friendly family. "O.J. has had a crush on Kris [Jenner] forever," author Ian Halperin tells the Sun. "He believes the relationship that Kris is in now with Corey Gamble is a sham. He believes he is the man for her and intends to pursue her when he gets out of prison. There is definitely a long history there." Oh, but wait, it gets so much better. Apparently the Juice is just eager to get in on the "Keeping up with the Kardashians" empire — any way he can, even through Caitlyn Jenner. "O.J. is obsessed with Caitlyn," Halperin claims. "He is struck by how she has captured

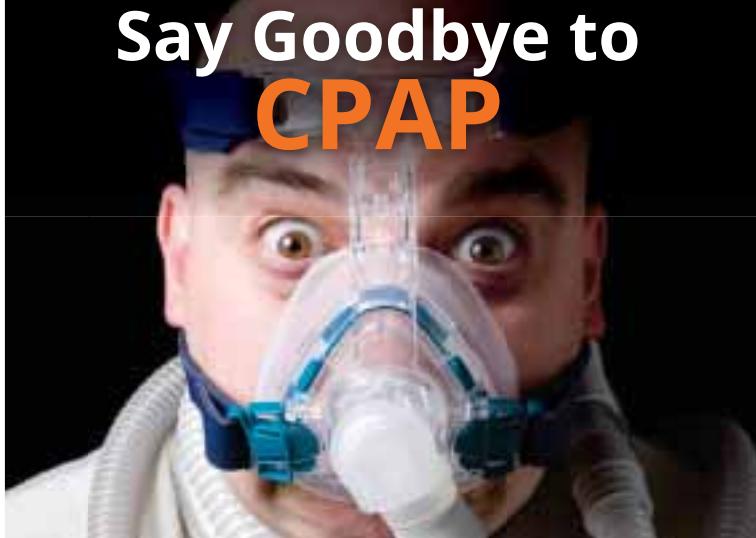


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the hearts of the world and said with a straight face, 'When I get out of here I would consider dating her, too.' And honestly, I wouldn't put it past any of them.



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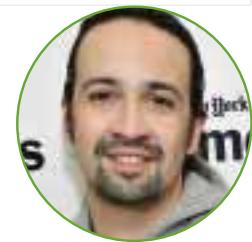


Australian rapper and controversy-magnet Iggy Azalea has an album due out in June, and she's looking to prep any folks who might be interviewing her on her press tour. Her main message? Let's keep things professional. "I always answer questions honestly. But my job is to promote my music, not my relationship," she tweeted recently. "I'd love to be interviewed about the former only." Yeah? Well, I'd love a pony that

poops "Hamilton" tickets, what's your point? But at least she's looking to quell everyone's curiosity before the next round of sit-downs starts, updating the world on the status of her relationship with Nick Young: "For the record, I haven't broken up with Nick. We are together and I would love to be given a little (a lot) of privacy on the matter," Azalea tweeted. Man, she's all about expressing wants and desires, huh?



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Making the band

The stars of John Carney's "Sing Street" plot their pivotal viral moment.

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The stars of John Carney's coming-of-age musical comedy "Sing Street" have been on U.S. soil for just about 24-hours and they're already envisioning the American dream: going viral.

"I was thinking we should hop on a bus or the subway and start playing," says Ferdia Walsh-Peelo, who plays Connor "Cosmo" Lalor, the lovesick Irish teenager at the center of the film. The 16-year-old Dublin native and his 19-year-old co-star Mark McKenna, who plays music protege Eamon, also filmed themselves playing a song from the soundtrack ("Beautiful Sea") on acoustic guitars for Walsh-

Peelo's Instagram. Walsh-Peelo and McKenna's viral video scheme is rather fitting as Cosmo plots to win over his dream girl (Lucy Boynton) by making her the centerpiece of his homemade music videos. The film is loosely based on Carney's ("Once," "Begin Again") teenage introduction to rock 'n' roll in the '80s via late older brother, Jim. It follows the director's winning formula of angst-twanged love, wish fulfillment and a mind-numbingly catchy soundtrack.

They chat over Cokes at the Eliot Hotel in Boston about the film, keeping the "Sing Street" band together and a John Carney-'80s education.

There was the expectation that you would not only be able to act, but also be able to play music to take on these roles. What did you perform when you were going through the audition process?

FW: I sang "Blackbird" and I think it really helped a lot that I didn't go in and sing "Falling Slowly." John said so many people thought it was such a good idea but he's heard that song like a million times.

MM: I did an acoustic version of "Chocolate" by the 1975. It's a song about drugs so it was pretty funny.

Are there any plans to keep the band going?

FW: Mark and I play good songs and we've thought about it, but we don't want to push it. John is not going to us, "If you want to do this band thing, we'll get you a record deal and we'll pay for everything." Instead he's like, "If it happens, it happens." We don't want to be some kind of Louis Walsh boy band thing, reminding people we're from the movie "Sing Street."

MM: We don't want to be like 10 years down the



"Sing Street" stars Ferdia Walsh-Peelo and Mark McKenna at the Eliot Hotel in Boston on April 11. JOEL BENJAMIN

line, with long beards, still singing "Drive It Like You Stole It" ...

FW: While crying. [Laughs]

The film takes place in Dublin in the '80s, years before either of you were born. What did you have to research and learn before diving in? Did John make you any required listening playlists?

FW: He sent me over loads

of music videos from the '80s because that's a really good place to learn from; they have the fashion and the vibe and the sound and the movements. Just watching Talking Heads and the Cure, a lot of that is hugely influential in the performances that we're doing. It was a huge learning curve for all of us, especially me because I hadn't discovered '80s music

yet. Except Mark, he was already the master.

MM: I was already really into the '80s already, so when John would be like, "Mark, you should look up this band," I'd be like, "John, I already know that band." [Laughs] Or "Mark, you should watch this John Hughes film," I'd be like, "John, that's my favorite John Hughes film."

"Sing Street" is in theaters now.

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As a chef and a bartender, Michael Cirino knows all about rituals around a table. But because cannabis isn't legal, it's been held back from dinner parties.

Cirino is looking to change that image with his class at Brooklyn Kitchen, "Cooking with Cannabis," which makes its debut — when else? — April 20 with a sold-out session.

"Because of its prohibition, [cannabis] has been

left out of all of these interesting traditions that other food has," like the presentation of wine in a restaurant, he says.

"Cannabis was either smoking a joint or hitting a bong. It's not done at a table with your family. I was really disappointed by that and I wanted to change it."

At a recent preview of his class, Cirino helped dispel some of the myths about cannabis as an ingredient — and how we've been using it all wrong.

A mellow high

Cirino's class materials begin with a two-page disclaimer reminding attendees that cannabis remains illegal to buy, sell and in

most places, consume for recreational use. (He used oregano as a substitute.) It also includes this intriguing line: "Cannabis can cause mind-altering effects if dosage levels are high enough."

"Can" cause?

The reason you get out-of-your-mind high is that, like hot peppers, cannabis varieties have been bred for maximum intensity for so long that it's difficult to control the amount of THC, Cirino says. "My wife takes one hit off a joint and she's too stoned to be in public, and that's 10 percent of the American public."

Cooking with cannabis is, first and foremost, about learning what it can do for you at a dose that doesn't leave you in-



Michael Cirino wants you to have a different experience with cannabis. GABRIELLE PEDRIANI

capacitated for hours. It's about seeing the drug as an ingredient rather than the whole experience.

Besides portion control, eating also gives you "a much more gradual lift and a much

more gradual coming down," says Cirino.

Baked goods are bad

This will make your cookie deliveryman sad, but other than being good for

a pun, baked goods are one of the worst ways you could consume cannabis.

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Don't cook the steak in cannabis-infused butter or fat — the THC will burn away. Use it as a topping. **GABRIELLE PEDRIANI**

also the simple fact that it doesn't taste good — the herb is woody and bitter — and the plant matter is difficult to digest.

Cirino likes putting it in coffee, sauces, ice cream, rich soups and duck fat — "steak is even better when you put more fat on top of it," he points out. "Anything you can put fat and alcohol in that tastes delicious, you can use cannabis in." When dosed properly, the dish should "feel like the food plus a glass of wine."

A little chemistry

Cannabis is oil-soluble, so it can't be brewed like tea. It has to be heated

to undergo decarboxylation — the scientific term for activating the THC, which is the relaxing and/or hallucinatory drug. It can be done with a short, intense burst of heat — seven minutes in a 300-degree oven is enough.

Next is infusing it into fat or alcohol. This can be done several ways: In the class, Cirino infuses duck fat using a double broiler and bourbon using an aerosol canister, then extracts the concentrate using an Aeropress. As a guideline, 1 gram for every 30-50ml is "coffee strength," while 20-25ml will make it "cocktail strength." A

typical dose is 5ml of oil or tincture, or about one full eyedropper.

The future of fine dining?

As the class ends, Cirino glances at the participant sitting closest to him. "Do you think it will ever become as acceptable to have a cannabis-laced tasting menu at Eleven Madison Park as a wine pairing?" It's not a rhetorical question.

For him, this is the dream. The woman shrugs, but her apologetic expression says it all. Even if cannabis becomes acceptable, there's a lot of stigma left to dismantle.

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White Denim slims down, grooves along on 'Stiff'

Coming into recording "Stiff," it was clear that there would be changes from White Denim's previous five albums.

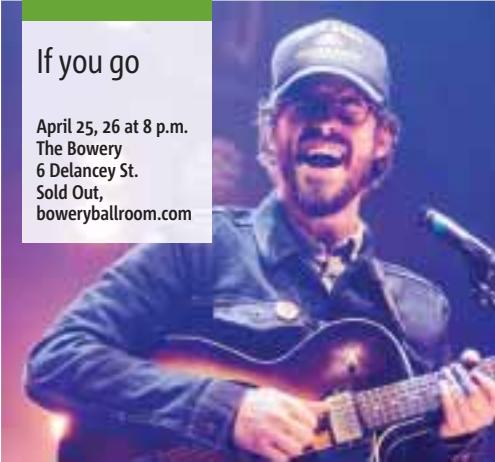
The Southern-tinged psych-rock group had to replace its drummer and guitarist (both left the band to work with blues riser Leon Bridges) and enrolled acclaimed English producer Ethan Johns to guide the direction of the album. Aside from more lightweight production, though, front man James Petralli doesn't think the end result is a dramatic shift for the band.

"Having the two new guys definitely added some different color," says Petralli. "But, to me, it's pretty similar — we've done funkier tunes, we've done heavier rock stuff, we always have an R&B ballad on our records."

In some ways, he's certainly correct. "Stiff" features riff-heavy, rollicking rock 'n' roll cuts like "Had 2 Know (Personal)" and swirling, loungey, psychedelic tunes like "(I'm the One) Big Big Fun" that fit right into White Denim's catalog. But it's also a little more stripped-down, as shown on the bluesy, radio-friendly rocker "Ha Ha Ha Ha (Yeah)." "We've never released anything that's so sparsely built out with

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instruments," explains Petralli. "At a certain point, there might be six instruments playing not including voice — in our old recordings, it would be not uncommon to have 15 or 16 instruments playing at once."

Petralli explains that the jam-laden cut "Thank You" is his favorite on the album because it's most similar to how the group has recorded before. "There are a few different layers, and there's effects going on that I think are really cool, you know, more atmospheric," he says. "I feel like we got some more chuckles out

of the process doing that — sitting in the control room, messing with delay knobs and stuff like that."

On recording live

Unlike most producers, who record each instrument in the studio separately, Ethan Johns preferred recording the whole band together.

But Petralli put his faith in the esteemed producer. "You get a real sense of togetherness and solidarity in the band when you track a song together and you nail it," says Petralli. "There's just an energy that's created when you're tracking live that is kind of inarguable." CHRIS LEO PALERMINO

Set in his ways

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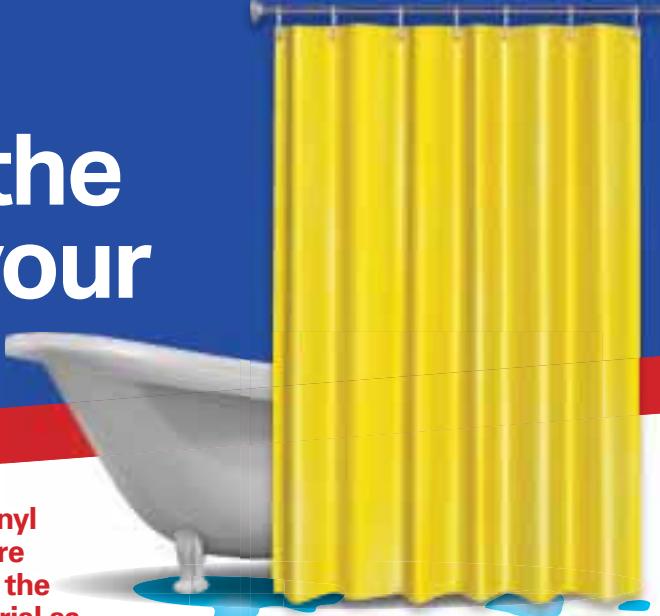
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5 Savvy design tips

Brooklyn Blonde's Helena Glazer teamed up with HomeGoods and Homepolish to transform her new digs.

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Anyone who's scored a storage bin or cute ottoman at HomeGoods knows the store is a treasure trove for decor on the cheap.

The brand might not be under the radar for much longer. HomeGoods recently partnered with interior design service Homepolish to makeover fashion blogger Helena Glazer's (aka Brooklyn Blonde) new brownstone in Bay Ridge. And the results are Pinterest gold.

Designer Matthew Cane and Glazer hit up eight HomeGoods locations sourcing items used to style the duplex.

Here are five design tips we are totally incorporating into our homes:



1 Get creative with plant stands

Glazer's husband, Keith Hodne, has a green thumb and so the couple sprinkle houseplants into each room. To highlight their plant collection — like this cactus that actually belonged to Hodne's grandfather — Cane swapped out a generic pot for a pretty ceramic one. He then flipped over a wire trash can (\$10 at HomeGoods) and used it as a modern plant stand.



2 Hang mirrors behind shelves

"Standing mirrors add drama and dimension to any room," says Cane. "By propping up these two huge mirrors [behind the living room bookcases] we opened up the whole room and gave it a light, airy feel."



3 Fake old fixtures

Besides swapping out a dull light fixture for a modern piece, Glazer and Cane bought an ornate light medallion from the local hardware store that provides old-world charm.



4 Look beyond baby decor

Glazer, who is expecting her first child this month, was stuck on what to do with the nursery. While she and Cane were shopping for the room he came across these animal heads, and voila.

"He told me he had this crazy idea to do an animal bust gallery wall vs. what you typically see in nurseries, and I'm obsessed with the way it turned out," says the blogger.



5 Find cool ways to display — and hide! — toys

For organizing the chaos that inherently occurs in a kid's room, Cane looked outside the typical storage box. To display cute books and stuffed animals he hung up a cool industrial office organizer.

For the not-so-cute toys: "store away the bigger, bolder-looking toys in these oversized trunks," says the designer. "It keeps the room looking clean and sleek."

When Leonardo DiCaprio isn't enough

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Apparently Leonardo DiCaprio and vitamin C shower water weren't strong enough selling points to justify a \$50 million price tag.

A Greenwich Village

penthouse in the Delos building sold for \$26 million, nearly half of the unit's initial asking price.

The triplex, located at 66 E. 11th St., went into contract in October, but the price of the unit only became public last week when the sale closed. The condo was most recently listed for \$30.5 million, down from an earlier \$50 million ask. DiCaprio also

owns a unit in the building, which he purchased in 2013 for \$10 million. He reportedly rented the unit out last year.

Kim Kardashian reportedly toured the penthouse with her mom and half-sister, Kendall Jenner, in 2014. It wasn't immediately clear who ultimately scooped up the home. Property records list Grenville Prop-

erties LLC, and an attorney signed off on the new owner's \$11 million mortgage.

The three-story unit spans 7,693 square feet and features a rooftop terrace. Other draws include a circadian lighting system that matches individual sleeping patterns and a master bathroom with vitamin C-filtered shower water. KATHRYN BRENZEL



The penthouse in Delos sold for \$26 million. PROVIDED

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Some high-end advice

One of the stars of "Million Dollar Listing" weighs in on your next move.

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Got a couple of spare millions? Well, if not, you can still dream.

Fredrik Eklund, Luis D. Ortiz and Ryan Serhant are back for the fifth season of Bravo's "Million Dollar Listing New York." The three real estate agents fight for the top New York listings and duke it out to make the biggest deals. It's. Addicting.

We chat with Ortiz about making the big move from the suburbs to the city — what you should anticipate, what you should research and of course, what you should buy.

First, he suggests independent research — because the Internet, duh. He advises going online to get a general idea of what the market looks like and, most importantly, figure out what you're really looking for. "Be aware of what [you] can afford," Ortiz, who's been a real estate broker in New York for seven years, warns. "And [do] your homework with mortgage bankers and be specific in [your] search."

If you don't have the kind of cash Ortiz and the other stars of "Million Dollar Listing" are working with, get

flexible with your location to find a property within your price range. According to Ortiz, location drives the price the most, and then levels of finishes and developers. So when you're checking out that East 57th Street condo near Central Park or the tiny studio next to the Boston Common, even if the square footage is small, the location will increase the price exponentially.

And more bad news: When making the transition from the suburbs to the big city, be prepared to downsize... a lot.

"[You] can't expect the same amount of square footage in the city," says Ortiz. "Keep in mind, you're starting a new life. [You] can't expect to bring everything [with you]."

But it's not all bad. You can live your real estate fantasies vicariously free (or for the price of a cable subscription) on Bravo when the series returns. Ortiz promises the next season is "inspiring, exciting and dramatic."

Season Five of "Million Dollar Listing New York" premieres April 21 at 9 p.m. on Bravo.



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'Sports Detectives' set out to find America's lost sports treasures

Millions of dollars worth of iconic sports memorabilia has vanished.



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The pro sports industry in America seems to be bullet-proof. Players keep making more and more money. Owners keep making more and more money. TV executives keep making more and more money.

No doubt, the memorabilia industry in our sports-obsessed country is all about the green, too.

"Iconic pieces of sports history are worth big, big money. In turn, fraud is incredibly rampant in the sports memorabilia industry," said former FBI agent and private investigator Kevin Barrows, who hosts an upcoming show, "Sports Detectives," on the Smithsonian Channel.

Barrows and sports reporter Lauren Gardner attempt to track down lost treasures of American sports history in the six-part weekly series (premiering April 24). The list includes Franco Harris' "Immaculate Reception" football, Wilt Chamberlain's 100-point ball, Secretariat's 1973 Derby-winning saddle-cloth, Dale Earnhardt's legendary pink race car, the American flag that draped "Miracle on Ice" goalie Jim Craig, Muhammad Ali's missing gold medal, Lou Gehrig's baseball bat and Jim Brown's championship ring.

Metro had Barrows speak on several of those topics:

Jim Craig American flag

"This one meant a lot to me, personally. In my opinion, the 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey win was the single greatest sporting event in U.S. history.

"So after the victory, mayhem ensues on the ice. A fan brought his family to the game and they brought the family flag that had been flying



"Sports Detective" Lauren Gardner looks over an American flag that is said to have been draped over Jim Craig in Team USA's win over the USSR in 1980. SMITHSONIAN CHANNEL

at their condo. The guy spontaneously jumps over the boards and drapes it over Jim Craig. What happens to it after that? At least two different people say they have it, and we find out the truth [in the show]."

Franco Harris Immaculate Reception football

"It's probably the most iconic play in pro football history. Franco is a great gentleman ... that's really what's great about this show. There's a lot of great human interest stories here. Anyway, the person who has the ball is obviously someone who was at that game that day. We try to figure out if a certain person has the true ball."

"Franco scores down the left sideline, dangling the ball, and some fan who ran onto the field chopped the ball to the ground. We're pretty sure the same ball was used for the Steelers'

extra point but after that, the ball disappears [in TV footage]."

Wilt Chamberlain 100-point game ball

"The thing is, these are historical investigations that are 40, 50, 60-years-old. When you do these sort of investigations, there are people who you would want to talk to who have passed away since that time. And there is also evidence that has been destroyed over time. You just have to review the footage that's available."

"The Chamberlain ball ... you learn through this episode, there's not just one ball. There are several balls and several conflicting stories."

Muhammad Ali's gold medal

"In his autobiography, Ali claims he dropped it into the Ohio River



Lou Gehrig-used baseball bats are priceless. SMITHSONIAN CHANNEL

because he came back from the Olympics, went to a diner and was denied service. He's saying to

himself, 'I did this for my country and then I come back home and can't even get a hamburger?'

"So he says he dropped it off the bridge. We set out to find out if this bridge story is true."

Lou Gehrig's bat

"An older woman had kept this bat behind the front door of her house for years and years. She got the bat from a relative of a former New York Yankees groundskeeper. She said she nearly gave it away to a neighborhood kid to play with."

"Anyway, a relative of the woman stops by and asks about that bat. She simply said she was using it for protection. The person says, 'Well, it says the name Lou Gehrig on it.'

"This Lou Gehrig game-used bat is the rarest of bats and we have to study something like this with forensic science. Grains of baseball bats are like human DNA. Each bat is unique. We had to search the records of the bats, the weights, the length from the time period when Gehrig played."

Islanders seeking a 3-1 series lead over Panthers

New York will look to continue to wear down Roberto Luongo.

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The Islanders have been playing from behind for the majority of their quarterfinal series with Florida, yet they have a 2-1 lead in this best-of-seven affair over the Atlantic Division-winning Panthers. That advantage could be strengthened to a stranglehold if the Isles win Game 4 on home ice on Wednesday (8 p.m., MSG+, USA).

The Panthers were 36-6-6 when scoring first in the regular season, the second-best mark in the NHL, but in spite of the Panthers grabbing the early lead in all three games, the Isles have managed to battle back each time.

Sunday's Game 3, the third game in four nights for the clubs, was the most dramatic of the Islanders' comebacks as defenseman Thomas Hickey won it in overtime with a one-timer shot off a perfect pass from behind the net from Brock Nelson.

"We had a good shift and grinded them out,"



Nikolay Kulemin and the Islanders are looking to take a 3-1 lead over Florida. GETTY IMAGES

Hickey said after the game, "Somebody went to change, I saw a gap ... just shoot the puck in overtime, that's the key."

The Isles were down 3-1 in the third period of Game 3, but Shane Price buried a feed from fellow rookie Ryan Pulock to make it 3-2 before Frans Nielsen came up with the equalizer on the power play with less than four minutes to go in regulation.

"You never want to be battling from behind," Price told reporters, "but the good thing is we got the team that's able to do that. We'll try to get the first goal the next game."

Game 3 was the first

NHL playoff game ever hosted by the Barclay's Center, and the home team noticed the electricity in the atmosphere.

"Our fans were great. I had goosebumps after the anthem," Hickey said, "They stuck with us and they helped out a lot."

The Islanders will look to keep the momentum on their side as they have home ice again on Wednesday, and they have to be feeling confident knowing that they wore out the opposing netminder.

Panthers' veteran goalie Roberto Luongo faced a whopping 107 shots in three games.

"I need the rest," Luongo admitted. "Three games in four nights with an overtime, so I'm pretty exhausted right now. I need a couple days to re-energize here and get ready for Wednesday."

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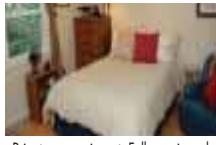
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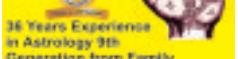
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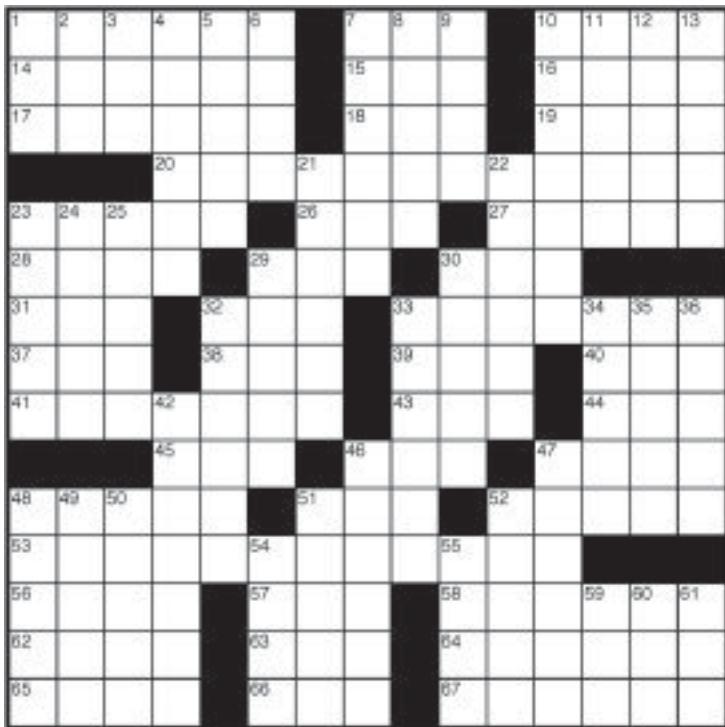
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Gemini Make a personal change that will help you overcome bad habits and people who have been bad influences. Stand tall and head in a direction that encourages positive growth.



Cancer You'll be tempted to try something different. Jump in and see where it takes you. Chances are you'll make new acquaintances and learn something interesting.



Leo You will gain popularity if you are willing to compromise and contribute realistic solutions to any problems that crop up. Romance will lead to positive personal changes.



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Sagittarius Take a moment to evaluate a situation that appears to be shaky. You are best off walking away from a joint venture and focusing your time and money on your home.



Capricorn Don't be too eager to share your plans. Someone is likely to pull a fast maneuver that will leave you in the lurch. Do your own thing.



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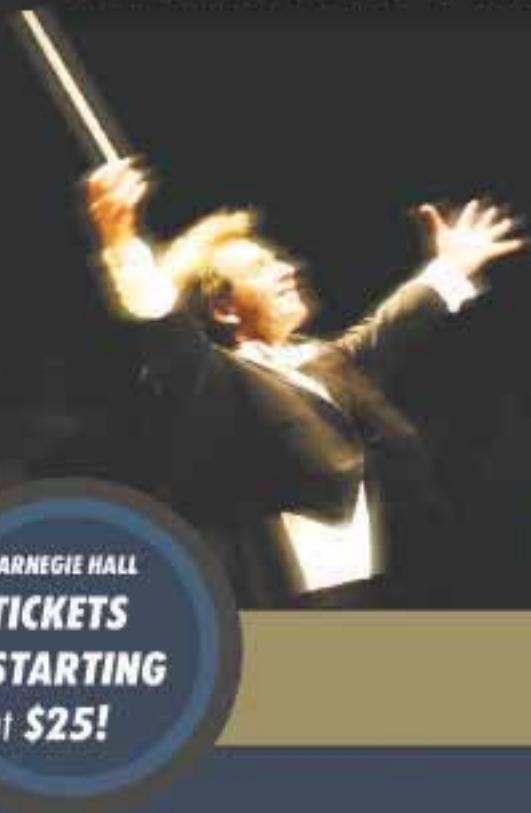
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